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A Day in the C/C's Shoes

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When words isn't right" level Who

has been in the Civil Air Patrol sic and staff cadets. for seven years and has much to

the show for it. For example, he was "This DFW's officer of the year, North going Central key note speaker, and are Region CAC Vice Chairman. Lt. often heard, Col. Edwards on a daily bases who keeps a does both mundane and exciting head? tasks. He falls in all the cadets, can solves problems, supervises trainmake plans ing, develops, coordinates, and fall into place and give order to maintains the schedule, acts as an entire encampment? Some of liaison between senior staff and you may know the cadet en- cadets, and makes many crucial campment commander, cadet decisions on how the encamp-Lt. Col. Edwards as the one who ment is run. He didn't always do stands in front of opening and that, however. Edwards started closing formations, and others off as one of you. A basic cadet at may know him from the news encampment learning many of letter. The question is, though, the skills he still uses today. He how many of us really know strived to improve and succeed, him? Athletic, tall, confident, and and with a lot of effort, became with a great laugh, not to men- the person you see today. A tion with quite a bit of rank, Ed-leader, instructor, and a very wards is easy to look up to. He good role model for both the ba-

Staff Spotlight

Need a blanket? How about new boots? C/2d Lt White is there for you. As C/Logistics OIC, she supplies the cadets with most of the missing items cadets need. She believes that "Cadets should really bring all the things on their packing list to encampment," as it saves her trips to the store. This is her fourth time participating in the Kansas wing encampment.



Bravo Flight practices a litter carry.

> Charlie Flight and C/1Lt Doubrava holds up Chief Chaverin.

UDF Training

An Emergency Locating Transmitter has gone off and it is your job to find it. Capt Arthur Grover explained to the Cadets in his Urban Direction Finding find class. The class was out doors standing on the cold snow covered grasslands near the Great Plains Joint Training Center's Crisis City. Dividing into teams of two, the cadets assembled their direction finding antennas used to locate a practice Emergency Locating Transmitter. The practice transmitters work on frequency that does not alert the emergency system.

The teams used the antenna to find the strongest signal. Two or more teams work together two obtaining different directions to the transmitter. Where the lines cross is where the transmitter is located. In this case the transmitter was located inside one of the buildings used for training.

The Cadets used the teamwork skills they developed throughout the week to locate the Emergency Locating Transmitter. They also learned how sensitive the direction finders are and how they had to move to receive the strongest signal. Although it was cold and there was snow on the ground, the Cadets enjoyed the training.

Mounted Patrol

The encampment cadets were called out, Wednesday morning, to assist the Saline County Sheriffs Department Mounted Patrol. Mission: locate missing encampment staff just outside of Crisis City. Cadets, Senior Members, and the Mounted Patrol formed a search line south of the Incident Command Headquarters. They searched south of HQ for about thirty minutes, then swept back north. The second flight of cadets, Bravo Flight, was the first to find a group of missing cadets.

the Apache.

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Special points of interest:

- Helicopter
- Medical Familiarization

Inspection—Delta Flight Jody Showdown— Alpha Flight Honor Flight— Charlie Flight



Cadets from Alpha Flight participate in a search line.

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What's the word of the Day?

STOKED!

Day 5—SAREX

By the PAO Staff

Medical Familiarization

During the annual Kansas Wing Winter Encampment, Civil Air Patrol Cadets were training at the Great Plains Joint Training Center. During the emergency medical training the instructor gave the Cadets this scenario; black ice had caused a tractor trailer to jack knife and roll over onto a car. The front passengers were killed, but the rear seat passengers were thrown clear.

As first responders the cadets were to take charge of the accident. They arrived to find a person lying on the ground. They were taught to check the condition of the person. Conscious, no; breathing, yes; heart beat, yes; bleeding, no external, but possible internal; broken bones, possible neck injury and broken left leg.

The decision was to move the individual way from the scene of the accident. To do so they were instructed by husband and wife team of 1st Lt. Patricia Crockett and Senior Member Doug Crockett how to place the individual onto a spine board. The Crockett's showed the Cadets how to place a neck brace and using a four person lift to move the patient onto the board. Once on the board and strapped down, the four lifted the individual.

The team lifted the individual, a little struggle for the younger Cadets, but they made it. They then had to demonstrate that they could move the individual. Before they released the individual and to have a little fun and to demonstrate how secure the patient was on the board the patient was lifted upright. The training was continued until everyone in the four flights had a chance to care for the injured individual and many had the

chance to be the injured individual.

Landing Zone

The low ceilings and general poor visibility force Company B 1st Bn. 108th Avn. Regt. to cancel flying out one of their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to the Winter Encampment training site. The Cadets would later tour the Black Hawk at the National Guard flight facility.

In the field, Capt Mark Lahan had marked off a helicopter landing zone using orange fabric panels. Lahan explained that he marked the zone in an inverted Y with the leg of the Y pointing in the direction that he wanted the helicopter to land.

He asked the Cadets on how they would signal the helicopter. They answered smoke, signal mirrors colored panels and vehicle lights which were all correct. However, each had its own time and place for correct use.

He explained some of the inherent dangers of working around a helicopter. The most obvious are the main and tail rotors. The rotors spin at several hundred miles per hour just a few feet above the ground. They down blast can be over one hundred miles per hour, blowing away everything that is not tied down. Lahan also explained that under no condition should anyone approach a run helicopter until directed by a crew member. Also, that each type of helicopter has its own unique safety issues. All the Cadets were looking forward to later in the day when they would tour the Black Hawk.

After returning to the Encamp-

ment facility, the cadets were shown a UH 60 A-Black Hawk Helicopter by 1st Lt Bernard of the Kansas Army National Guard. The mission of the Black Hawk is that of transportation; for example, moving people from base to base because it is less of a risk to fly than to drive. The Black Hawk can also be used to fight forest fires, as it can carry up to 6,000 pounds of water. The Black Hawk's mission is not an offensive one like

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The cadets were very interested in the information he shared, and they actively participated during the question and answer time. One of the cadets asked about the guns on the side of the helicopter, Bernard told the group that the M-240 B machine guns are to suppress enemy fire as the Black Hawk is unloading. When asked to give just three amazing facts about the helicopter, Bernard said that the helicopter can weigh up to 22,000 pounds, is over 60 feet long, and its engines produce 2, 780 horsepower.

Aerospace History

Lt Col Shappee delivered a class to the cadets on aviation history. He posed the question "What do we really know about flight after the Wright Brothers?" He discussed the progression and advancements in powered flight from 1903 with the Wright Brothers to 1914 and the



Black Hawk helicopter